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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 10, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Veteran's Day refuse pickup

Because Veteran's Day falls on a Thursday, housing area refuse normally scheduled for pickup on Thursday will be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Housing area refuse normally picked up on Tuesday will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 8. The remainder of the week will be on the normal schedule.

For more information, call Debbie Meranski, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-2337.

KUSAHC closed Nov. 6

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will closed on Saturday, Nov. 6 due to a renovation project.

Native American Program Nov. 9

Celebrate the spirit of Native Americans at the annual Native American Program, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on Nov. 9. This year's theme is "Four Directions, One Voice." The guest speaker will be Ron Warren, an associate professor in theory and composition at Columbia Union College and award winning composer/arranger on keyboard and Native American flutes. Authentic food samples, vendors and displays will be available. There is no cost to attend this event.

Transportation will be provided from the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4810. The bus will depart the Edgewood Area at 10:40 a.m.; after the program the bus will depart the Aberdeen Area at 12:40 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will once again take part in Operation Christmas Child. For those who want to participate, donated empty shoeboxes and/or wrapping paper can be brought to the chapel or participants can fill shoeboxes on their own and bring them to the chapel. Items should be for a boy

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APG leadership changes hands



Photo by RALPH BROTH

From left, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, outgoing commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command; and Brig Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, incoming commander, salute the colors during the change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field Oct. 28. See article, page 13.

FORSCOM activates CBRNE Command

Cathy Kropp
20th SUPCOM (CBRNE)

The Army recently created a new one-of-a-kind organization to serve as the Army's command and control element and provider of U.S. based chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive ordnance operational response teams and technical augmentation cells worldwide.

The new command will officially activate Oct. 15 as the 20th Support Command, also referred to as the CBRNE Command. The acronym refers to the weapons of mass destruction response capabilities of the organization - chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives.

The CBRNE Command is subordinate to the U.S. Army Forces Command and brings command and control of the Army's most specialized WMD operational assets together. This provides a single point of contact within the Army for the Department of Defense to call when a coordinated response to the threat or use of weapons of mass destruction is needed anywhere in the world.

The mission is to command and control organic and allocated Army technical assets to support full-spectrum CBRNE technical operations that detect, identify, assess, render-

safe, dismantle, transfer, dispose of CBRNE incident devices and materiel including unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

The command is also responsible for managing DoD technical support to consequence management operations and provides CBRNE technical advice and subject matter expertise.

The organization can mitigate hazards resulting from an incident involving the nation's chemical warfare stockpile; recovery and disposal of legacy chemical and biological munitions and materials from formerly used defense sites; conduct technical escort of chemical surety materiel in support of the management of chemical stockpile and chemical defense research and development.

The new command has the technical expertise to conduct sensitive site exploitation, disablement, disposition, demilitarization and consequence management operations as well as support U.S. Secret Service and Department of State operations protecting the president and other designated VIPs.

In addition to exercising battle command functions for the Army's technical assets engaged in CBRNE response and consequence management operations, CBRNE

Command provides a dedicated capability to rapidly augment and reinforce CBRNE installation support teams following a CBRNE incident that may occur at any U.S. Army installation or facility and will allocate CBRNE forces and resources necessary to support missions directed by the commander of FORSCOM.

FORSCOM Commanding General Dan K. McNeill recognized those elements of the 20th Support Command currently supporting the war, as well as those Soldiers who have already served in Iraq and Afghanistan, some returning as many as four times.

"The war is not getting any easier, but we are winning it. It is not won, but it will be. There can be no other outcome," McNeill asserted. "Make no mistake: our values and our way of life are what are at stake in this fight."

"The activation of the 20th Support Command and the 22nd Chemical Battalion today is not merely a measure of prudence, it's a hard necessity," McNeill said. "It is an essential capability we will require for some time."

The 20th Support Command activates with the following subordinate units: the 52nd Ordnance Group, 3rd Ordnance Battalion, 63rd

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Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

Col. Walter L. Davis left front, commander of the newly activated 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) and Lt. Col. Franz J. Amann, center rear, commander of the newly activated 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) stand next to their colors at the Transformation Ceremony on Fanshaw Field, Oct. 15.

Child and Youth Services teams with local college for education credits

Story and photo by
Meghan Bowen
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services signed an articulation agreement with Harford Community College Oct. 11 at HCC, enabling APG child care providers to receive college credits toward a degree.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment for Aberdeen Proving Ground to receive college credit for Child and Youth Services caregiver training. It means that caregivers can apply the credits toward a degree at HCC," said Regina Dannenfels, acting director of community and family activities.

The college credits may be counted towards an Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in

Early Childhood Education, according to the agreement.

"We're on the forefront with the initiative army wide," Dannenfels said.

Beverly Hartgrove, Family Child Care training and curriculum specialist, who coordinated the agreement on behalf of CYS, explained how Penny Branham, former FCC director, began the talks between APG and HCC in May 2004.

"Penny Branham was really the instigator for the program, after she heard about traveling Army wives taking courses everywhere," Hartgrove said. "If it wasn't for [Branham] we wouldn't be doing this now; she was just a powerhouse representative for the providers."

The final agreement dictates "that upon completion of specific learning experiences

in the early childhood program offered through APG, a student will be eligible to receive a total of 21 credits awarded by HCC" towards their associates degree.

"Learning experiences' are gained through an Individual Development Plan, an 18-month training program at APG.

Hartgrove said, once providers are done with the training, they can take the assessment tests and begin the program. If they've already taken a class at HCC, they can just apply to take the credits.

Two officials from HCC, who signed the articulation on behalf of the college, commented on the agreement.

"We're very excited," said Carl Henderson, dean of the Educational Studies division.



Beverly Hartgrove, left, Family Child Care training and curriculum specialist, and Carl Henderson, right, dean of the Educational Studies Division at Harford Community College, watch as Luba Chliwniak, center, HCC vice president for Instruction, signs an agreement enabling APG child care providers to obtain college credits Oct. 11.

"That has really been our focus this year, to encourage our adult learners," said Luba Chliwniak, HCC vice president for Instruction.

There will be a CYS training day Nov. 20 to explain the program further as well as a session to cover additional training needed to meet HCC requirements.

"Right now we have about 75 people coming and they are excited," said Hartgrove, who is currently locating a place to hold the program due to the amount of interest.

For more information on the CYS training day, contact Hartgrove at 410-278-9832.

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Youths post stars to remember deployed service members

Story and photo by
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APG News

Aberdeen Middle School youths are supporting Soldiers overseas with the ‘Wall of Honor,’ a brick wall inside the school upon which students place the names of their relatives or friends who are serving in Iraq.

“Normally the children place stars on the wall every Tuesday,” said Peggy Steward, the 7th grade teacher who started the wall.

Each star displays the name of a Soldier overseas in big bold lettering, while the name of the student or staff member who placed it on the wall is printed below it.

“Once in a while a visitor stops in and asks to put one on the wall too,” Steward said.

Steward started the ‘Wall of Honor’ three years ago when her husband, then fiancé, was sent overseas.

After students hang the Soldier stars on the wall, they get together as a group to discuss how they feel about their relatives overseas.

“The kids support each other,” Steward said. “It’s been good because they can look at each other and know they have something in common.”

“We have to be friends,” said Camron Baker, a 6th grader who talked about communicating with his dad via cell phone from overseas.

School counselor Beth Oleszczuk commented on the transition rate of military families and the amount of students in the group.

“A third of our [school] population transitions every year,” Oleszczuk said. “We have nine students in the group this year and we had 12 last year.”

The students also discussed what they have been doing to keep in touch and help out their relatives in Iraq.

“We had everyone sign banners to send over,” said Josephine McGonigal, an 8th grader, whose cousin is serving in Iraq.

“We took pictures of the different classes to send over,” said Chiniquah Pineiro, an 8th grader, whose stepmother, father and godmother are currently serving overseas.

“We’ve also started a massive letter writing campaign,” Steward added. “We send care

packages with batteries, Q-tips and shampoo.”

Anyone in the school can write a letter to send overseas, according to Steward. One 7th grade student, Travis Crouse, contributed a letter, which read in part:

“Dear American Soldier,
Thank you for defending our country. You fight for my freedom each day and we don’t even know each other ... Each day people die and hearts are broken. That’s when we need to come together and help you and the Soldiers prevail. So please stay safe. My final request to you is: Good luck, thank you and come home safe.”

Crouse said he lives near Aberdeen Proving Ground and “sees Soldiers all the time.”



Eighth graders Steven McQuerrey, left, and Elvin Leon, right, post stars on the ‘Wall of Honor’ at Aberdeen Middle School. Each star bears the name of a Soldier serving overseas whose family members work and attend the school.

Fire Prevention Highlighted at October CAC meeting

Meghan Bowen
APG News

Fire prevention review, holiday schedules and the environment highlighted the Community Action Council meeting held Oct. 14 in building 305.

“We have a full agenda,” said Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, as he opened the meeting.

Wright encouraged people to bring up any issues they may have to their perspective command- “so that we as a council can work on them for the community.”

DENTAC

The Edgewood Area clinic closed Nov. 1 for renovation and will reopen in six to seven months. EA patients will be treated at the Aberdeen Area clinic and a shuttle bus will be provided for AIT students.

AAFES

The PX will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Renovations have been pushed back to February 2005.

Commissary

The Commissary will be open on Veterans Day Nov. 11.

There is also a new gift certificate program, which is similar to the one the store ran last year through the Internet, according to Tammy Spickler, store director.

In a test pilot program, the commissary can sell the gift certificates for a service fee of \$1 as opposed to the \$4.50 online fee. Both military and civilians may buy the gift certificates for military personnel to use.

The store will be open the Mon. before Thanksgiving,

said Spickler.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire prevention specialist, Andre’ A. Fournier, Fire and Emergency Service Division, gave a presentation on the department’s Fire Prevention Week program.

“Anyone know why we have ‘Fire Prevention Week?’ asked Fournier.

“Because we have fires,” said one council member.

Fournier shared fire facts and statistics to emphasize the importance of practicing fire safety and prevention measures.

“Eighty percent of the fire deaths in the United States were in house fires. In most cases smoke alarms were not working,” Fournier said.

The theme of this year’s program was ‘It’s Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarm.’

“If a smoke detector is 10 years or older then it needs to be replaced,” Fournier said.

Other fire safety tips that Fournier highlighted were to have a fire escape plan, inspect the house for fire hazards, and to explain to children how use the 911 system and to make sure to tell the operator which area of APG they live in.

Army wide there were 2145 reportable fires that resulted in six civilian deaths and one firefighter lost, Fournier said.

“Please check your smoke alarms- it’s a sound you can live with,” Fournier said.

Environment

Wright talked about reestablishing both a “Yard of the Month” and “Organization of the Month” programs in the future.

“We’re going to look at organizations who go the extra

step,” he said. “Many people in the housing areas already go way above and beyond.”

Wright added that if anyone had specific tree trim needs, that they should call in a work order.

MOAA/ RETIREES

Efforts are still being made to increase the Survivor Benefits program from 35 percent to 50 percent financial aid for spouses at age 62.

Miscellaneous

EA Girl Scouts had their first meeting at the Gunpowder club, after a search for a new place to meet.

Wright emphasized caution to schoolchildren going door to door with fund raising sales.

Middle school busses have been late each time there has been a training holiday, said one council member, who noted that the delay was due to the Maryland Route 22 gate being closed during the holidays. The board said that someone would look into a solution.

Wright closed the October CAC meeting with a few final thoughts.

“We need to pull together a better general calendar for everyone. That will be a recurring effort via the garrison Web site or the *APG News*,” Wright said.

“I appreciate everyone taking the time away from their schedules to attend, especially members from the housing units. This is a key way of getting information to the right resources,” he said.

The next CAC meeting will be held Dec. 2 in building. 305 at 1:30 p.m.

Forging ties with military testers, evaluators

Mike Cast
DTC

The United States and its military allies face the challenge of testing, evaluating and procuring new weapons, equipment and personal gear for Soldiers in an era when the acquisition of weapon systems is undergoing reform to make it more efficient and cost effective.

Testers and evaluators have been tackling this challenge for some time, in part by reducing duplication of effort, standardizing test procedures, and sharing information, technologies and expertise.

German and Canadian liaison officers at Aberdeen Proving Ground have been helping to forge a close working relationship with the U.S. military for several years. Germany had a technical representative at APG as early as 1969, in the Office of Observers for Tanks and Tank Testing, and the current German liaison to the Developmental Test Command, Hermann Schneider, now works at DTC headquarters. His Canadian counterpart, in an adjoining office, is Maj. Christopher McLean.

Canadian Forces officer fulfills key role at APG

McLean said the "mists of time" obscure the beginning of an association between DTC and the Canadian forces, but his records indicate that a Canadian officer has been assigned to DTC and its predecessor organization, the Test and Evaluation Command, for about 15 years.

McLean said the technical and testing missions of tenant organizations at APG lend themselves well to his branch of the Canadian Army. A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario, he studied nuclear chemistry. As a junior officer he became aware of the liaison position at DTC about 20 years ago and made his bid for the job that has traditionally gone to officers who have mechanical or electrical engineering backgrounds. He was eventually selected for the liaison position at DTC and arrived May 2002.

"It took a while for the National Defence headquarters in Ottawa to see it my way, but I finally won out. I guess I was selected from a cast of dozens," McLean said with a chuckle.

"Before I came here I saw the magnitude of our respective militaries as the biggest differences between our forces," he added. "I have come to realize that when you put aside

the scale, our forces are quite similar in terms of overall capability. The American forces have an incredible focus on technology and weapon systems that the Canadian forces, because of their small size, can never truly match, but when it comes down to fighting forces - boots on the battlefield - I see more similarity than differences."

He attended his second Canadian Forces Liaison Officer conference this past fall in Washington, D.C., and learned "in broad-brush terms" many of the immediate information requirements of the Canadian armed services. That pointed him in the direction of his current work at APG.

"The Canadian Forces are in the process of procuring an NBC (nuclear, chemical and biological) decontamination system and have a number of potential suppliers," he explained. "To choose the best one of these systems, we plan to run a competition among the various decontamination systems. We would normally do that in Canada at a chemical research facility in Suffield, Alberta, but their scheduling is such that they can't accommodate this, so I was asked to facilitate in finding a facility that can do the same thing. I was able to make an arrangement with Dugway Proving Ground (a DTC test center in Utah)."

An NBC course McLean attended in Ontario had "dovetailed nicely" with the work at Dugway, he added. The course, for majors and above, familiarizes senior Canadian officers with NBC doctrine, protective equipment, and techniques for protection and coping with threats.

"Within the Canadian Forces, we don't have a career field that devotes itself to NBC issues like the U.S. Army, which has chemical officers within its various units," McLean explained. "Rather, we have individuals who are NBC qualified and use that information in their other employment."

McLean said he has attended a variety of other symposiums and conferences that helped paint a picture of where the U.S. Army is going in the future. He has also kept abreast of the Army's program to test and field the Stryker family of combat vehicles. The Stryker is based on the Light Armored Vehicle (LAV III), a combat vehicle manufactured in Canada. The Canadian military has plans to procure the Stryker Mobile Gun System, McLean said, adding that he has had an interest in the developmental testing of that system at DTC's Aberdeen Test Center. It

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Vet pets are seeking a new home

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Veterinary Treatment Facility has several animals for adoption. All military, civilian, and off-post individuals interested in pet adoption are welcome to visit the VTF and meet the animals that need a home.

Meet Vincent, an orange domestic short hair male. He is approximately five to six years old and is “very laid back,” said Pfc. Katie Hardin, animal care specialist.

There are also three sets of kittens ready for adoption, according to the facility staff. The kittens are all domestic short hairs, with a variation of gray, white, and black colors.

To adopt Vincent and friends, visit the Aberdeen Area vet facility at 2479 Oakington Street, which is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4575/3911.



Observing standards of conduct for holiday parties

DoD

Holiday time is approaching, and many Department of Defense offices hold parties and receptions involving food, drink, and even gifts. When contractor employees, who are not federal personnel (even though they work side-by-side with us) included in these activities adds some new considerations. This guidance addresses these issues.

The general rule is that federal personnel may not accept gifts from contractors or contractor personnel.

Exceptions

- Federal personnel may accept gifts (other than cash) not exceeding \$20, as long as the total amount of gifts that the personnel accepts from that contractor does not exceed \$50 for the year.
 - Federal personnel may accept gifts from a contractor employee that are based on a bona fide personal relationship and such personal gifts are actually paid for by the contractor employee.
 - Federal personnel may generally attend a contractor's open-house or reception, and accept any gift of refreshments if it is a widely-attended gathering, and the employee's supervisor determines that it is in the agency's interest that the employee attends.
 - Federal personnel may accept invitations (even from contractors) that are open to the public, all government employees, or all military personnel.
 - Federal personnel may accept invitations offered to a group or class that is not related to government employment. (For example, if the building owner where your office is located throws a reception for all of the tenants of the building.)
- As a general rule, supervisors may not accept gifts from subordinates or federal personnel who receive less pay.*
- Exceptions**
- During holidays, which occur on an occasional basis, supervisors may accept gifts (other than cash) of \$10 or less from a subordinate.
 - Supervisors may accept food and refreshments shared in the office.
 - If invited by a subordinate to a social event at the subordinate's residence, supervisors may accept such personal hospitality of the type and value customarily given on such an occasion.
 - If a subordinate is invited to a social event at the supervisor's residence, the subordinate may give the supervisor a hospitality gift of the type and value customarily given on such an occasion.

(There are no legal restrictions on gifts given to peers or subordinates, however, common sense should apply.)

Rules applicable to contractor employees

Many contractors have rules of ethics or business practices that are similar to the Federal rules. Take these rules into consideration before offering contractor employees gifts or opportunities they may not be able to accept.

Examples

- Office party (non-duty time): Your office is having a holiday party during the non-duty lunch hour or after work and asks each person attending to pay \$5 to cover refreshments and to bring a pot luck dish or dessert. Contractor employees may attend, pay \$5, and bring food because these contributions are not considered to be gifts, but a fair share contribution to the refreshments. Remember , contributions must be voluntary, so soliciting must be done with care to ensure there is no pressure. Also, ensure this is non-duty time for the contractor employees as well.
- Office party (duty time): What about a party that cuts into duty hours? The government usually may not reimburse a contractor for its employees' morale and welfare expenses. The contractor has to decide whether to let its employees attend and forego payment for their time, or insist that they continue to work. If contractor employees are allowed to attend, the contractor must also decide whether it would pay its employees for that time, even though it wouldn't be reimbursed by the government. The contractor does not have to pay its employees for that time. Consult the contracting officer and ethics counselor before inviting contractor employees to a function during their duty hours.
- Gift to supervisor: Your office wants to give the office supervisor a gift. However, you can't solicit other employees for contributions to a group gift. (Group gifts are permitted only for special, infrequent events such as retirements.) As for contractor employees, you can't ask them

to contribute anything, as it is considered soliciting a gift from a prohibited source. Even if contractor employees volunteer to contribute cash, it may not be accepted because the \$20 exception does not apply to cash.

- Exchange of gifts: Your office, including the contractor employees, wants to exchange gifts at the party. If gifts are chosen at random or traded, there are no monetary limits (except common sense) because the purchaser of the gift does not know who will eventually receive it. Gift exchanges in which employees purchase gifts for other employees whose names they drew at random are more troublesome. Where contractor personnel are involved, a \$20 limit eliminates any concerns. Where an employee may buy a gift for a superior, the \$10 limit is prudent. Some organizations consider such a gift exchange to be exchanges of items of equivalent value, and that everyone participating is paying market value for the items, so no one is receiving a gift.

As such, the suggested monetary limits above are not applicable.

- Private parties (federal Personnel): One of your government co-workers is having a party at his house and has invited office personnel, including the contractor employees.
- A gift of food and refreshments to a contractor employee does not violate government ethics rules. The contractor employees may want to check with their contractor's rules before accepting since many contractors have similar ethics rules. If the contractor employee brings a hospitality gift, it may not exceed \$20. If such a gift is edible, even if it exceeds \$20, the host may accept it on behalf of all the

guests and share it with them.

- Private parties (contractor employee): If a contractor employee is having a party and invites Government personnel, normally government personnel must decline, since the food, drink, and entertainment is a gift from a prohibited source. Several exceptions may permit attendance, however. Under the \$20 rule, if the average cost per guest does not exceed \$20, government personnel may accept. (However, if the cost per guest is \$40, the "I won't eat more than \$20 worth of food" defense will not work.)

Also, government personnel may accept if the invitation is based on a bona fide personal relationship with the contractor employee. Finally, if the party qualifies as a widely-attended gathering (involving a large number of persons representing a diversity of views) and the employee's supervisor determines that it is in the agency's interest for the employee to attend, the employee may enjoy the food, drink, and entertainment. Government personnel who desire to take a gift to show their appreciation for the hospitality should consult with the contractor employee to determine if he or she may accept such a gift in accordance with the contractor's rules of ethics.

- Private parties (contractor-sponsored): If the contractor is sponsoring an employee's party or open-house, and you are invited by the contractor (or an employee of the contractor), you may not attend unless one of the exceptions in the private parties (contractor employee) paragraph apply.

Remember that this guidance only highlights common questions and does not cover every situation. If you are unsure, contact an ethics counselor.



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or girl, ages 2 through 14. Age appropriate items may include small toys, personal items, school supplies and more. The collection period ends Nov. 30.

Holiday hours for Thanksgiving

The APG Main Store, Burger King and the APG Shoppette will be open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

APG plans Retiree Appreciation Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold it’s annual Retiree Appreciation Day 8 to 11:45 a.m., Nov. 13, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Representatives from area agencies to include, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Commissary, Post Exchange, Community and Family Activities and the Veterans Administration will be on hand.

The National Association for Uniformed Services will provide a guest speaker.

Following the program everyone is welcomed to stay for lunch at the Dining Facility, building 4503.

For more information, call Army retirees Col. Charles M. Shadle, chairman of the APG Retiree Council, 410-663-9263 or Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, co-chairman of the APG Retiree Council, 410-306-1153.

MCSC begins annual pie sale

The Military and Civilian Spouses’ Club has begun its annual apple pie sale for a \$6 donation.

To place a pie order or to volunteer, call Holly Ratliff at 410-273-6706.

Army seeking warrant officer candidates

Temporary closure of EA Dental Clinic

The Edgewood Area Dental Clinic will be closed for six to seven months for renovation. All Edgewood Area patients must report to the Aberdeen Area Dental Clinic.

The last day for sick call was Oct. 29. Sick call at the Aberdeen Area Clinic is 7 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Patients with early morning appointments should allow extra travel time.

A shuttle bus will be provided in the morning for AIT students. The EA Health Clinic shuttle bus to the AA Dental Clinic runs Monday through Friday:

Departs EA	Arrives AA	Departs AA	Arrives EA
6:15 a.m.	7 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8 a.m.
8:15 a.m.	9 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	10 a.m.
10:15 a.m.	11 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	noon

The last departure of the ‘APG Shuttle’ from EA is 1:40 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic at 410-278-1795/1796.

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open to qualified applicants in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years of active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms/documents required, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant, or call DSN 536-0328 / 0466 / 0271 / 1860/0458/0484 or commercial 502-626-1860.

Emmett Paige scholarships available

The Gen. Emmett Paige Scholarship provides funding to veterans, military personnel, and their family members who are majoring in specified fields in college for \$2,000.

This program is open to veterans and persons on active duty in the uniformed military services and to their spouses or family members who are currently enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year degree-granting institution in the United States. Veterans entering college as freshmen may apply. Spouses or family members must be sophomores or juniors.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be of good moral

character, have demonstrated academic excellence, be motivated to complete a college education, and be working toward a degree in engineering (aerospace, chemical, computer, or electrical), mathematics, physics, or computer science with a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

For more information, see <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/Profile/1,14220,0546,00.html>.

Johns Hopkins USFHP open forum

An open forum will be offered 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., Nov. 10, in the NCO Room at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, building 3326, on the corner of Raritan and Erie streets. Representatives from Johns Hopkins will provide materials and answer questions about the USFHP, a TRICARE Prime option.

The forum is open to all DEERS-eligible family members of active duty and retired uniformed services members, retirees of all ages, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, non-remarried spouses and unmarried children of deceased service members, Coast Guard family members, NOAA retirees and

their family members, as well as eligible family members of deceased NOAA members. No pre-registration is required.

For information, call 1-800-80-USFHP (7347), or Ed Cramer, USFHP at Johns Hopkins, 443-287-2529 or e-mail ecramer3@jhmi.edu, or visit www.hopkinsmedicine.org/usfhp.

APG Blood Drive

APG Garrison is hosting an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19. The goal for this blood drive is 75 good units.

For more information, call Spc. James Hyde at 410-278-4333 or Staff Sgt. Brian Adams at 410-278-3000, or Staff Sgt. Beverly Williams, Chapel Admin 410-278-433 or 4593.

Understanding leasing, the active duty card holder

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is available to discuss the finer points of off-post leasing with active duty ID card holders.

Many of the problems and unforeseen costs of residential leases can be avoided by reviewing the lease with an attorney prior to signing it. An attorney can explain hard-to-understand “legal-ese” and the duties of both the landlord and the active duty ID card holder. A legal assistance attorney can discuss lease termination and eviction rights under the Service members Civil Relief Act. Don’t be caught later by the “fine print.”

To schedule an appointment with an attorney, call OSJA Legal Assistance, 410-278-1583.

USPS offers free packing materials

The U.S. Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas.

To take advantage of this service, call 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 (for English and then 3 for an operator) and they will send the requestor free boxes, tape and mailing labels for priority and express mail. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members only.

DA photo policy change

Effective immediately, military personnel are no longer required to forward hardcopy photos to the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center for Enlisted Soldier Promotion Selection Boards if the photo studio has the capability to upload photos electronically to the Department of the Army Photo Management Information System (DAPMIS).

Only selection boards held at the Human Resources Command in Alexandria for active Army officers still require hardcopy photos.

The APG Photo facility will no longer issue paper copies to enlisted Soldiers for the annual promotion boards.

Requests for hardcopies for other types of selection boards will still be honored as well as for officers in the above category. Any questions should be directed to the Soldiers’ servicing Military Personnel Branch.

Community Notes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4 POWDER PUFF COURSE

Men are not the only ones who can perform regular maintenance and keep a vehicle in running condition. A Powder Puff maintenance Course for women will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Automotive Crafts Center, building 2379.

The fee to attend this course costs \$5. Learn how to change and discard oil, change and rotate tires, check and fill all fluid levels, and use all lifts and available equipment.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-5178

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, and no dance lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6 VOLUNTEERS WISH GRANTERS NEEDED

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic Inc., a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of local children fighting life-threatening medical conditions, seeks volunteers to serve as Wish Granters.

These volunteers work directly with the children and families served by our organization. Through creativity and imagination, the volunteers make the wish an

unforgettable experience for the child and his/her family.

A background check is necessary before a volunteer can attend the special training session, Nov. 6, to become a Wish Granter.

To volunteer, call Lisa Kadish, 410-484-1232, e-mail LKadish@midatlantic.wish.org or visit Web site, www.midatlantic.wish.org.

PRIZE BINGO LUNCHEON

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club, Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a Prize Luncheon Bingo to benefit the Relay for Life teams Krafty Survivors and Khemo Nuts (American Cancer Society).

Doors open at 11 a.m., lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$15 per person and included a three card set of 20 and lunch. Extra packs cost \$5. No smoking.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Pat Job at 410-658-5628 or 410-378-0096.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 BASKET BINGO

The U.S. Amy Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will hold Basket Bingo to benefit the CHPPM holiday party, at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit.

Doors open at 2 p.m., Bingo starts 3 p.m. Food, beverages and baked goods will be available. All paper cards cost \$10 and are available by calling Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338 or Tammy Dillon at 410-436-4160.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 BALTIMORE AREA VETERANS HON- ORED

Baltimore will pay symbolic tribute to Baltimore area veterans at a dinner at the Tremont Plaza Hotel, 22 St.

Paul Street.

The public is invited to nominate family members, friends and co-workers, by sharing stories of heroism, sacrifice and commitment to the country and how it touched them.

One nominee will receive a complimentary weekend stay in Washington, D.C. Tremont Suite Hotels will donate 11 percent of every lunch check in Tug's

Restaurant and 8 East Restaurants to USO International Gateway lounge at BWI.

To submit nomination stories, visit www.BaltimoreRemembers.com or send e-mail to baltimoreRemembers@TremontSuiteHotels.com.

For more information or for businesses who want to join local fundraising efforts, call Heather Russel at 443-524-6015.

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE

Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Starring: Mila Jovovich, Jared Harris

Alice (Jovovich), the only surviving member of the elite military force that attempted to keep the zombies confined to the underground facility, finds herself teaming up with Jill Valentine and others to stop the zombies from spreading outside of Raccoon City, which has been all but obliterated by the creatures. To make matters worse, there is a creature named Nemesis hunting them. (Rated R)

POLAR BEAR EXPRESS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Animated

Santa Claus does not exist. Or does he? For one doubting boy, an astonishing event occurs. Late on Christmas Eve night, he lies in bed hoping to hear the sound of reindeer bells from Santa's sleigh, when to his surprise, a steam engine's roar and whistle can be heard outside his window. The conductor

(voice of Tom Hanks) invites him on board to take an extraordinary journey to the North Pole with many other pajama-clad children. There, he receives an extraordinary gift only those who still believe in Santa can experience. (Rated G)

MR. 3000

Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 p.m.

Starring: Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett

Stan Ross (Mac) was a baseball superstar who turned his back on the game years ago when he finally hit 3,000 hits. Years later, he's now a successful, self-made entrepreneur whose many businesses revolve around his title: Mr. 3000. But a clerical error has proven that Stan is just short three hits of his spectacular home-run record. Now, with time on his side and the potential to be inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame, Stan must return back to the game and get back his title. But things have changed with age, and as Stan finds out, it's not too easy to get back into the game when he hasn't played for years, and he's nearing 50. (Rated PG-13)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center's operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.

If this happens to fall on a training holiday, then the Thursday prior the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MWR looks out for singles through BOSS

The BOSS "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers" Program meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m., building 305, conference room.

The program is Department of the Army directed, installation managed and service member operated to support the overall quality of life, recreation and leisure and community service for single and unaccompanied service members and single parents.

For more information, call Joyce Founds, Morale Welfare and Recreation advisor, at 410-278-2621.

Scottish Highland Dance Classes

Youth Services will offer Scottish Highland dance classes for children ages five to 18 years of age. Children of military and civilian employees of APG are eligible to register.

The date for determining age eligibility is Nov. 1 of the current year or as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Scottish Highland dance classes cost \$65 per student per class (one hour instruction once per week for 18 weeks/recital). A registration/membership fee is required for all students six years of age and up. Adults may sign up and pay a fee to take the class with their son/daughter. A minimum number of six students are needed to hold a class.

Classes are scheduled for 3 to 4 p.m., every Saturday,

beginning Nov. 6, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, Ballet Room.

Registration will be held through Nov. 5.

For an appointment to register, call Christina Keithly at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi at 410-278-7479, of the CYS Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, building 2752, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A late registration fee will be charged for any registration after the cut-off date.

A brief parent orientation session will be held on Nov. 6 at the first class meeting.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail Ivan.Mehosky@apg.army.mil.

Dart shootout

MWR will hold a Dart Shootout on Nov. 5, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Entry fee for the tournament costs \$10.

The tournament will consist of four throws (three darts each throw). The highest point total on any of the four throws will count as the score for the competition.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three participants based on the number of entries.

Register by Nov. 3 at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

"Paint Your Own"

Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts now has "Paint Your Own Ceramic Studio."

The ceramic studio is open to all APG civilians, active duty military, contractors and reservists and their dependents. No previous artist skills are required. There is a wide assortment of gift and holiday items to choose from.

Hours of operation are 1 to 9 p.m., Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440, next to the Military Police Station.

For more information, call 410-436-2153.

Youth Services Chess Educator's Workshop

Youth Services will host a free "Welcome To The Game Of Chess Educator's Workshop," 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 9, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 for interested CYS staff personnel. The workshop will be a fun and innovative way to learn chess, whether the participants already know how to play chess or just want to learn to play chess.

Michael Kusen, New York chess master, author and edu-

cator will conduct the workshop along with his wife, Grace. Each participant will receive chess materials.

Learn Chess and teach children how to play. There are 14 spaces to be filled. E-mail the name of the person or persons from the staff who will attend no later than Nov. 5.

The Chess workshop includes the history of chess, rules of chess taught in mini-game exercises, introduction to strategy and tactics, the art of checkmate, and more.

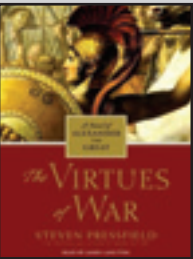
For more information or to register, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857, or e-mail ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of new books available at the APG MWR Libraries:

The Virtues of War: a novel of Alexander the Great by Steven Pressfield



The mighty warrior and king candidly relates his amazing exploits in spell-binding detail. Being treated to a firsthand look inside Alexander's mind, the reader is quickly made aware of the multiple contradictions, ambitions, and passions that contributed to the complex sum of the entire man.

The Murder Artist by John Case

The Painting by Nina Schuyler

Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke



Double Shot by Diane Mott Davidson

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Amateur boxing tournament

Nov. 6 at Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210.

Doors open at 5 p.m.
Boxing starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost

\$20 for front row ring side
\$15 for floor seating
\$10 for bleacher seating

Local and national amateur boxers will be featured.

Purchase tickets at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-3375/7134 or see www.apgmwr.com.

Shirley Caesar

Ministering In Song
plus Local Choirs

November 5, 2004
Doors Open at 6 p.m.
Show Starts at 7 p.m.

Post Theater
\$30 in advance; \$35 day of show

General Admission
No food/coolers/cameras/pets/recording devices
Purchase tickets at www.apgmwr.com
or call 410-278-4907/4011.

For more information & disability information call 410-278-4621; TTY: 410-278-4110.

Bowling scores

The APG Bowling Center reports the following bowling scores for the week ending Oct. 16.

Tuesday Lunch League

Men's High Game Handicap
Tim Molle, 242
Johnny Jones, 218
Men's High Series Handicap
Tim Molle, 443
Stacey Martin, 432
Women High Game Handicap
Jean Craig, 230
Donna Coyne, 219
Women High Series Handicap
Donna Coyne, 418
Jean Craig, 406

Wednesday Mixed League

Men's High Game Handicap
Men's High Series handicap
Bernard Hammond, 699
Eddie Rodriquez, 638
Women's High Game Handicap
Women's High Series Handicap

Thursday Lunch League

Men's High Game Handicap
John Condon, 242
Gordon Brown, 225
Men's High Series Handicap
John Condon, 431
Carl Paxton, 426
Women's High Game Handicap
Karen Heavey, 245
Debbie Patton, 185
Women's High Series Handicap
Karen Heavey, 447
Debbie Patton, 347

Thursday National Guard

Men's High Game Handicap
Julian Christy, 261
Bernard Hammond, 243
Men's High Series Handicap
Emmitt Toombs, 703
Randy Thomas, 669

Women's' High Game Handicap
Antonia Rogers, 254
Barbara Thibault, 245
Women's High Series Handicap
Maria Jimenez, 692
Antonia Rogers, 683

Friday Fun Bunch

Men's High Game Handicap
Virgil Mills, 258
Dale Allen, 257
Men's High Series Handicap
Dale Allen, 702
Virgil Mills, 645
Women's High Game Handicap
Dianne Swauger, 234
Ellen Hopkins, 204
Women's High Series Handicap
Dianne Swauger, 634
Wanda Page, 604

Saturday Youth – Rising Stars

Boy's High Game Handicap
David Sexton, 228

Michael Barcena, 220
Boy's High Series Handicap
David Sexton, 637
Marcus Barcena, 626
Girl's High Game Handicap
Christine Carter, 209
Nae Nae Hamlin, 170
Girl's High Series Handicap
Christine Carter, 577
Nae Nae Hamlin, 498

Saturday Youth – Shooting Stars

Boy's High Game Handicap
Curtis Swauger, 255
Juan Ponce, 253
Boy's High Series Handicap
Curtis Swauger, 681
Ryan Anderson, 680
Girl's High Game Handicap
Ashley Taylor, 254
Lawrencia Searles, 216
Girl's High Series Handicap
Ashley Taylor, 631
Nicole Adams, 622

Sign up for Youth Services Sports Karate classes

The fall session for karate classes for ages 7 through 18 will be held Monday and Wednesday at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., through Dec. 22. The class must have a minimum of 10 youths.

Karate classes cost \$60 per session. Youths must be a current Youth Center member.

Classes begin once the minimum number have signed up

For more information or for registration, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571, or e-mail Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

2004-05 Cheerleading Program

In the Aberdeen Area, registration for cheerleading for ages 6 through 15 will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Nov. 8, by appointment.

To make an appointment, call Central Registration at 410-278-7571.

In the Edgewood Area, registration for cheerleading will be held every Wednesday, or call Chris Fielder at 410-436-3862.

Practice will begin Dec. 1 or 2; the program will end mid-March 2005. Games are held every Saturday in January and February. Cost of registration is \$40 per child, with 10 percent off every additional child.

For more information, call Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297.

2004-05 Basketball

Registration for basketball will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Nov. 8, by appointment

only, at the Central Registration Office, building 2752 and the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Youth Centers.

Cost of registration for the basketball league is \$40 per child, \$76 for two children and \$112 for three children. Cost of registration for the basketball clinic is \$30 per child.

Children must be Youth Center members to participate. Membership fee costs \$18.

The Basketball Program will consist of five age groups. Leagues include ages 7 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 14, with ages as of Dec. 31, 2004.

A basketball clinic will be held for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 with ages as of Nov. 10, 2004.

Registration dates and times

In the Aberdeen Area, building 2752, walk-in registration will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8. In the Edgewood Area, building E-1902, walk-in registration will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3, and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 2 and 8.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the CYS Youth Sports Office at 410-306-2297. Sports Physicals are due to the Central Registration Office by Dec. 1.

Registrations taken after Nov. 8 will be put on a waiting list. Bring a completed physical examination and proof of age to registration.

A CYS sports registration form, NYSCA parents code of ethics and CYS code of conduct forms must be completed.

The CYS sports program is in need of volunteer coaches for all age groups.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Learn how to play Chess

Youth Services offers free Chess classes for students in the third grade and up, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522 and at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902. Maximum class size is 14.

Aberdeen Area

Session I will be held each Monday, through Dec. 13. Classes for sixth grade and up will be held 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.; classes for 3rd through 5th grade will be held 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Edgewood Area

Session I will be held each Wednesday, through Dec. 15. Classes for 3rd grade and up will be held 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Sign up for Session II will be held in Jan. 2005.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

"Youth Of The Year" program rewards character, leadership, service

The mid-way point for entering the 2004-2005 APG "Youth Of The Year" program is fast approaching for high school students in

grades 9-12.

There is still time to enter and compete for a chance to be recognized as APG'S "Youth Of The Year."

Along with a monetary award of \$1000 for winners and \$500 for runners-up, winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Annapolis to compete in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland "Youth Of The Year" competition.

Last year's winners were Anastasia Phillips of the Aberdeen Area Youth Center and Wyndell Williams of the Edgewood Area.

The cut-off date for submitting nomination forms is Dec. 17. Nomination forms and "Youth Of The Year" packets can be picked up at the AA Youth Center, building 2522, or the EA Youth Center, building E-1902, or, contact Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/ Youth Education Services, building 2752, room 200.

For help in getting started or for more information, call Angie Gittings or Lucinda McDowell, AA Youth Services teen program at 410-278-4995; Catherine Hanlon or Jerome Wing, EA Youth Services teen program at 410-436-2862; or Mehosky, APG "Youth Of The Year" program coordinator, at 410-278-2857.

Visual Information Services gets seven star approval at AUSA convention



The Visual Information Services Division, part of APG's Directorate of Information Management, designed, coordinated and executed the U.S. Army Materiel Command exhibit displayed at the Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 25 through 27.



Gen. Paul Kern, AMC commander, and Lt. Gen. Richard Hack, deputy commander, discuss AMC's exhibit at the Washington Convention Center.



Courtesy of VISUAL INFORMATION SERVICE DIVISION
VISD works with customers to carefully plan, conceptualize, and produce detailed exhibits, frequently including an artist's concept.



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON
Some of VISD's more complex exhibits (above) include "mini-exhibits" depicting initiatives and capabilities of AMC's subordinate commands such as the dining facility and maintenance shop vignettes shown to the left.



Courtesy of VISUAL INFORMATION SERVICE DIVISION

Commentary A Soldier's freedom

Brad Taft, RN, MS

You are a Soldier. You are committed to preserving the freedom of the people of this great nation. Freedom is what it's all about.

But while Soldiers protect this nation's freedom, many are not free themselves. Many Soldiers fight a battle for freedom every day. Some win, many lose. Soldiers lose their battle for freedom because they are addicted to nicotine. When you are addicted to any substance, you are never truly free.

Nicotine occurs naturally in tobacco. Soldiers who use tobacco products do so because they have to. They once were free to choose whether or not to use tobacco products, but now they have no choice; they must use tobacco because they are addicted to nicotine.

In 1988 the U.S. Surgeon General issued a report called The Health Consequences of Smoking: Nicotine Addiction. This report states:

- Cigarettes and other forms of tobacco are addict-

ing.

- Nicotine is the drug in tobacco that causes addiction.
- The pharmacologic and behavioral processes that determine tobacco addiction are similar to those that determine addiction to drugs such as heroin and cocaine.

Maybe you aren't convinced that you are addicted to nicotine. Why not check it out on Thursday, Nov. 18, during the Great American Smokeout?

Just stop using all tobacco products for that day and see how you feel. If you are tense, fidgety, crabby, and just can't concentrate on what you are doing, then you are showing signs of nicotine addiction.

Admit that using tobacco products has gotten you addicted and then make a plan to become tobacco free. You can do it! Health care personnel will help you.

Why not take the first step on November 18 and then make a plan to become tobacco free? Remember, freedom is what it's all about.

TRICARE benefits improved for reservists

DoD

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2005, improves significantly the overall health benefits available to guardsmen, reservists and their families and makes permanent several of the TRICARE benefits authorized "temporarily" under defense legislation last year while extending secretarial authorization for others.

"Our reservists and guardsmen who are called to duty and their families deserve these great new benefits for their service to their country," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We welcome these new TRICARE provisions as a means to improve active and reserve component force readiness and to enhance family member access to care."

For reserve component members with delayed effective date orders to serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days, the new legislation permanently authorizes TRICARE eligibility for up to 90 days prior to member's activation date for eligible members and their families. It also makes permanent a 180-day transitional TRICARE health benefit after deactivation for Transitional Assistance Management Program eligible members and their families. Members must also now receive a comprehensive physical examination prior to separating from active duty service.

The legislation also authorizes waiver of the TRICARE standard and extra deductibles of reserve component family members for members ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and authorizes TRICARE to pay nonparticipating providers up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge, which enhances continuity of care for these family members with their civilian providers. In order to ensure seamless implementation of these provisions, TRICARE has extended the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project through Oct. 31, 2005. The demonstration, which began on Sept. 14, 2001, was due to end Nov. 1.

Members of the reserve component called after Sept.

11, 2001, to serve for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, who served or will continuously serve for 90 or more days, are now given the opportunity to purchase TRICARE standard healthcare coverage for themselves and their family members after they demobilize.

The member must sign an agreement to continue serving for a period of one year or more in the selected reserve after their active duty ends. For every 90 days of consecutive active duty service, the member and family member may purchase one year of TRICARE standard coverage for the same period they commit to serve in the selected reserves. Members will be able to purchase the new TRICARE standard coverage on a self-only or self and family basis.

The TRICARE standard coverage under this program will begin once the member's eligibility for 180 days of transitional TRICARE coverage under the TAMP program ends.

Members who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for 90 days

or more on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and were released from active duty before Oct. 28, 2004, or within 180 days of that date, may enter into an agreement to serve continuously in the selected reserve for a period of one or more years and begin participation in this program at that time. These members must enter into this agreement to serve in the selected reserve within one year of Oct. 28, 2004.

Congress requires implementation of the new TRICARE standard enrollment program by April 26, 2005.

Winkenwerder stated, "We have already begun working on these provisions and will implement them on time."

Additional information on the new permanent TRICARE provisions to include start dates, benefits and requirements under each of the new permanent provisions will be posted on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/> and the reserve affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra> as soon as each is ready to begin. <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2004/nr20041029-1454.html>.

Members who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for 90 days



APG police officer Matt Long bench presses 435-pounds to win the Strongest Police Officer in Maryland competition, sponsored by the Howard County Police Department Sept. 26.

Photos Courtesy of MATT LONG

Long named Maryland’s strongest police officer

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground police officer Matt Long, of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, was named Maryland’s Strongest Police Officer during a charitable competition sponsored by the Howard County Police Department Sept. 26.

In the raw competition to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics, Long pressed 435 pounds in the bench press, squatted 600, and had a personal best of 670-pounds in the dead lift.

“That’s the highest I’ve

bench pressed in any competition,” Long said.

Long is a regular among installation lifters. He consistently competes in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s deadlift and bench press contests, usually winning best overall lifter and has traveled extensively, breaking records and winning state, national, and international titles with the World Natural Power Lifting Federation.

“I came back to a lot of praise from the department,” Long said, adding that the competition was the first ever and he was invited back to defend his title next year.

“I do this for me,” he added, “as a measure of where I am compared to others I compete with.”

He said that although the accomplishment “feels good,” he plans to take it easy now, and that with little else to accomplish in power lifting he now is leaning toward body-building.

“There are a lot more cardiovascular exercises involved and you use moderate to heavy weights with more repetitions,” Long said. “The two different training aspects will really be a challenge.”



Long, an APG police officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, deadlifts a personal best of 670 pounds during the competition to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics.

Army limits flu shots to trainees, deployed, higher-risk

By Jerry Harben
ARNEWS

The shortage of influenza vaccine this year has forced the Army to give top priority to troops in Korea and Central Command countries, initial-entry trainees, and beneficiaries such as retirees in medically higher-risk categories.

“There will not be total-force influenza vaccinations this year,” Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley said in a policy memorandum summarizing the Army’s response to a national shortage of flu vaccine.

The shortage came about when British health officials rejected 48 million doses of flu vaccine produced by Chiron at its facility in the United Kingdom due to bacterial contamination and production problems.

Some 1.8 million doses supplied by Aventis Pasteur are available for the Department of Defense, but DoD has more than 3.8 million service members and high-risk beneficiaries.

Vaccine on hand has been shipped to Korea, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and other Central Command areas for vaccination of deployed troops. Soldiers scheduled to deploy to these areas also will receive vaccinations, as will trainees and instructors in basic combat training and advanced individual training.

As the remainder of available vaccine is delivered in November and December, officials said vaccinations also will be provided to beneficiar-

ies considered high risk, which includes:

- children ages 6 to 23 months;
- adults ages 65 years and older;
- people ages 2 to 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- women who are pregnant during the influenza season;
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- children ages 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- out of home caregivers and household contacts of infants less than 6 months old;
- health-care workers who have direct and regular contact with patients.

Beneficiaries in these categories should contact their local medical treatment facility to find out when vaccine is available, Medical Command officials said.

DoD is pursuing a contract with MedImmune, makers of

FluMist, a flu vaccine spray administered through the nose. This can be used only by healthy people between the ages of 5 and 49 years, officials said. They said once FluMist is available, it may assist in vaccination of trainees, deploying troops and some health-care workers.

Flu vaccination is mandatory for Soldiers designated to receive it, officials said. The said flu is a contagious illness that can degrade the effectiveness of a unit.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year in the United States, flu is responsible for some 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, chills, cough, headache and muscle aches.

(Editor’s note: Jerry Harben writes from the Mercury newspaper, serving the Medical Command out of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.)

The history of Veterans Day

On Nov. 11, Veteran’s Day will be observed around the nation and the world as millions pay tribute to veterans past and present. Here are some facts on how this national holiday was instituted and why it remains the most important day honoring the nation’s veterans.

1918

World War I, then referred to as The Great War, ended with the implementation of an armistice, a temporary cessation of hostilities. The final peace treaty, the Treaty of Versailles, was signed in 1919 between the Allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, November 1918.

1919

President Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The original concept for the celebration was for the suspension of business for a two-minute period beginning at 11 a.m., with the day also marked by parades and public meetings.

1920

On the second anniversary of the armistice, France and the United Kingdom held ceremonies honoring their unknown dead from the war. In America, at the suggestion of church groups, President Wilson named the Sunday closest to Armistice Day, a day on which services should be held in the interest of international peace.

1921

Congress passed legislation approving the establishment of a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Nov. 11 is chosen for the date of the ceremony. On Oct. 20, Congress declared Nov. 11, 1921 a legal federal holiday to honor all those who participated in the war. The ceremony was conducted with great success.

1926

Congress adopted a resolution directing the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day. Throughout the 1920s and 30s, most states establish Nov. 11 as a legal holiday and at the

federal level, an annual proclamation is issued by the President.

1938

Congress passes legislation on May 13 making Nov. 11 a legal federal holiday, Armistice Day. The United States has no ‘actual’ national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own holidays. The federal government can in fact only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. But in practice the states almost always follow the federal lead in designation of holidays.

1941- 1945; 1950- 1953

World War II and the Korean War create millions of additional war veterans in addition to those of the First World War already honored by Armistice Day.

1954

On June 1, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran’s Day.

1968

Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law, which established the fourth Monday in October as the new date for the observance of Veteran’s Day. The law is to take effect in 1971.

1971-1975

The federal observance of Veterans Day is held on the fourth Monday of October. Initially all states follow suit except Mississippi and South Dakota. Other states changed their observances back to Nov. 11 as follows: 1972-Louisiana and Wisconsin; 1974-Kentucky, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, South Carolina, and West Virginia; 1975-California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

1975

Legislation passed to return the federal observance of Veteran’s Day to Nov. 11, based on popular support throughout the nation. Since the change to the fourth Monday in October, 46 states had either continued to commemorate Nov. 11 or had reverted back to the original date based on popular sentiment. The law was to take effect in 1978.

1978

Veteran’s Day observance reverts to Nov. 11.

Evaluators

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is likely that some of the testing of MGS will be conducted for the Canadian Forces in Aberdeen.

As an example of the working relationship between DTC and the Canadian military, McLean cited Canada's decision to procure the Light Utility Vehicle, Wheeled, a "commercial off-the-shelf" system from Mercedes designed to operate cross country as well as on the highway. The Aberdeen Test Center tested this 4X4 vehicle, over a period of about two years.

"At the time, we didn't have the capability to run the full range of tests in Canada, so that was a felicitous association with Aberdeen," McLean said. "In the past we have tested a number of other, smaller weapons, equipment and that sort of thing."

When McLean received the assignment to APG, he and his wife, Elaine, who is an officer in the Canadian Reserve, moved from Gagetown, an Army base in Canada's east-coast province of New Brunswick. They took up residence in Bel Air. The couple has a son who attends John Carroll High School and a daughter who is attending a university in Canada.

Life in this part of the United States is a little quicker-paced than in New Brunswick, McLean said, but living in the United States is not very different from that in Canada.

Recently, he was selected at random as one of the members of Canada's armed forces to receive the commemorative medal marking the 50th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Some 46,000 of the golden jubilee medals were issued to federal, provincial and territorial government officials, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian military, veterans groups and other organizations that contribute to Canadian life. Issuance of the medal is part of the Canadian Honours System.

German liaison officer at Aberdeen plays pivotal role in military testing

The current German liaison office traces its origins to 1981, when it was established under the auspices of the German Liaison Office for Defense Materiel USA/Canada in Reston, Va.

Schneider has worked at DTC as a technical representative since October 2000. His work here is overseen by Germany's Bundesamt fuer Wehrtechnik und Beschaffung (BWB) in Koblenz, or the Federal Office of Defense Technology and Procurement in English.

Schneider's mission at APG is based on U.S. law and a Defense Department policy that requires a consideration of international cooperation during the early phases of system development. The same policy encourages cooperative efforts during the engineering and manufacturing phase of

development.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Dr. Manfred Schober, vice president of the BWB, chair an organization called the Science and Technology Steering Committee. Schneider is the German secretary for this group.

The steering committee focuses its efforts on several key military technology issues, including chemical and biological decontamination, detection of biological agents, simulation of military command and control systems, military bridging systems, and human factors engineering, a term for design engineering that focuses on how people interact with new technologies. In addition to bilateral and multilateral agreements to exchange technical data and undertake cooperative test and evaluation projects, Schneider supports an exchange program between German and American scientists and engineers, which had its 40th anniversary last year.

He serves as a point of contact for other Army agencies at APG, including the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, the Ordnance Center and Schools, the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center and APG's garrison command.

While studying to become a mechanical engineer, Schneider focused on design technology. Before his assignment to APG, he gained experience in automotive testing that led to the acquisition of automotive systems for the German military. He also was involved in Germany's program to test and evaluate military ammunition.

Since his arrival here, he has been involved with a variety of test programs at DTC sites - programs ranging from testing a military ribbon bridge in the temperate climate of Aberdeen Test Center to testing a battlefield decontamination system at Yuma Proving Ground, a place known for its rugged, tire-gashing terrain, choking dust and extreme summer heat. Schneider took part in the reactivation of a working group for automotive expertise to working groups focused on testing the vulnerability and lethality of large-caliber weapon systems.

"All these groups are working on different test operations procedures, to standardize these procedures," Schneider explained. "This is to make sure that if there is a foreign sale, that the nation acquiring a military system obtains the standard test operations procedures, so it doesn't have to go through the same tests again."

In partnership with Germany, France and the United Kingdom, for example, the United States has developed more than 70 joint "International Test Operations Procedures," known as ITOPS in military jargon. The ITOPS program enables U.S. and allied military testers to share the latest test technologies as

well as standardized procedures.

The Foreign Comparative Testing program offers additional opportunities to reduce development costs and to increase standardization. This program funds some U.S. testing and evaluation of military equipment developed by allied and other friendly countries, to determine whether these items can satisfy specific requirements of U.S. military services or address mission-area shortcomings. Schneider said the German military has paid attention to the evolving test and evaluation program for the Army's Future Combat Systems, which he finds the most interesting program with which he has been involved. FCS is a program that poses challenges for testers and evaluators, he said, because many of the technologies needed to make it a reality are not yet off of the drawing boards.

"The problem with Future Combat Systems [testing] is that it is likely to be different from the way we, and even the Americans, are used to doing testing," Schneider added. "We don't know what some parts of the Future Combat Systems are going to look like, and people will need to think about how we can do the testing needed."

German military officials have also taken an interest in the array of test modeling and simulation technologies at DTC, Schneider said. These technologies allow for "distributed" testing, a term used to denote the complex testing of systems and their various components at geographically separated test sites, to replicate the dispersed way the FCS "system of systems" would operate on the battlefield.

The move to America from Germany required Schneider and his wife Gisela (pronounced ghee zel_), as well as their children, to make some adjustments to a different culture and language, but they have learned to fit comfortably into life in the United States.

The Schneiders have a daughter who attends Southhampton Middle School, a son in C. Milton Wright High School, and an older son who attends Harford Community College. Schneider said his eldest son's English teacher had not even realized the young man was German because of his fluency in English. Despite the friction between the current U.S. administration and Germany's federal government over the war in Iraq, Germans always remember that American forces supported them during the Cold War, Schneider said.

"I'm really honored to serve the command here," he said. "While we're in a difficult time, I can only say that the German people won't forget what the Americans have done for us. I can't make an official statement, but only say what I feel. Germany is on the side of Americans in fighting international terrorism. People need to know that, although Germany is quite a small country, we have already deployed over 10,000 soldiers around the globe."

CFC passes 50 percent of goal

By Robert Solyan
CFC Chairman

To date, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign has collected \$116,408.47. That is 51.2 percent of the installation's \$325,000 goal.

Four more activities have joined the ranks of those who have exceeded 100 percent of their goals, bringing the total to 14. Congratulations to the Army Audit Agency, Developmental Test Command JLOG, Chemical Materials Agency (PMECW), and the Commissary. Even though these activities have exceeded their goals, they continue to gather new pledges from their employees.

Two more winners of the CFC prize of "Fort McHenry" prints by Chris White were selected Nov. 1. Pvt. Kyle Butler, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Company B, won a large print, and Joseph J. Maliziab, DTC JLOG/PE won a small print. First Lt. Glenn L. Young, Company's C executive officer, conducted the drawing.

Everyone is permitted to donate to CFC whether employed at APG or not. Non-government employees can contribute cash or check and should complete a CFC pledge card, designating no specific charity or those outlined in the 2004 Contributors Guide.

Government employees may not solicit contractors employed on APG. However, a contractor may request a contributors guide and pledge card and may contribute by cash or check.

The next drawing for the large and small "Fort McHenry" prints will be Nov. 15. and will include entries submitted by Nov. 10.

To enter write contributor's name, activity, and phone number on the back of the pledge card tear strip.

Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or the APG CFC office.

The CFC office will be closed Nov. 11 and 12 for Veterans Day and the garrison's regular day off.

The 2004 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations can be found on Web site, <http://www.cfcemd.org>.

For more information, call Robert Solyan, Lisa Mack, or Betty Scott at 410-278-0001/0002/0003, or visit the CFC office at building 120, room 114.

CBRNE

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Ordnance Battalion, 79th Ordnance Battalion, 184th Ordnance Battalion, 22nd Chemical Battalion, and operational control of the Army Reserve Unit - Consequence Management. Future growth of the command includes the activation of an additional explosive ordnance disposal group with three subordinate battalions, chemical brigade headquarters with an additional chemical battalion, and an Analytical and Remediation Directorate.

The new CBRNE commander, Col. Walt Davis, spoke of the 52nd Ordnance Group battalions and 22nd Chemical Battalion teams currently deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and those preparing to deploy.

"Their and your reputation is impeccable and it has been earned daily, in the most

demanding conditions abroad and at home in defense of our nation's freedom," he said.

The activation of this new command and transfer of assets to FORSCOM is an important part of the overall transformation effort of the Army. This organization provides a relevant and ready land power capability to combatant commanders and the joint team.

The Guardian Brigade was a transitional unit established provisionally on Oct. 15, 2003; received permanent orders on Feb. 23, 2004; and deactivated on Oct. 15, 2004. This organization began the transformation, provided an interim capability and the time necessary to establish the CBRNE Command.

When fully operational, this deployable operational-level command will be able to manage existing and future programmed CBRNE response assets that can simultaneously respond to multiple CBRNE incidents in support of combatant commanders and the joint team at home and around the world.



Photo by Conrad Johnson
Gen. Dan K. McNeill (right) passes the colors of the newly activated US Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) to the new commander, Col. Walter L. Davis (left)

The Great American Smoke Out - plan your quit day

BethAnn Cameron
CHPPM

The day to stop smoking is Nov. 18, The Great American Smoke Out.

To quit smoking, it is recommended that a person make a "personal quit plan." The plan should include several steps to ensure success. Consider a three-step plan.

- Think about the reasons for quitting:
- Decrease the chance of getting cancer, lung and heart disease.
 - Easier to breathe, walk and climb stairs.
 - Food tastes better and better sense of smell.
 - Night vision improves.
 - Better personal appearance. Less skin wrinkling, stained teeth and yellow finger nails.

Choose a time to focus on staying tobacco-free. Avoid setting a date close to an activity or a holiday that causes extra stress at work or at home. Quitting during a deployment may be difficult due to adjusting to a new environment or situation.

- Act as the quit date approaches:
- Get rid of tobacco in the house, car and workplace.
 - Clean items that tobacco smoke clings to such as clothing, rugs and curtains.

- Remove ashtrays, lighters, matches, etc.
- Get support from family, friends and coworkers.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Avoid smoking areas.

Quitting smoking usually requires a combination of methods to change personal habits. Besides using medications, there are resources and self-help methods available. The American Cancer Society has a seven question "Stop Smoking Quiz" that matches smoking habits with quit methods. It gives suggestions for making a detailed plan based on smoking habits and lifestyle.

For some people, the desire to smoke can be the result of a trigger. Triggers are habits and everyday experiences that become connected with smoking. For example, drinking coffee at the kitchen table might be a trigger. To deal with triggers:

- Remove the trigger to make it easier to quit tobacco.
 - Replace the trigger with something just as pleasant.
 - Use relaxation as a way to cope.
- There may be an urge to smoke after quitting, depending on the level of nicotine in the

blood, smoking patters and lifestyle. The 5 D's help with urges.

Deep breathing - take slow, deep breaths to feel relaxed and in control.

Drink water - drink at least eight glasses a day.

Do something else to keep busy. Be physically active. Chew sugar-free gum. Listen to music.

Discuss your urge with a friend or family member.

Delay. Don't reach for tobacco right away. Count to 100 or 200. Think pleasant thoughts. The urge to smoke passes in 3 to 5 minutes whether a person smokes or not.

Giving up tobacco requires patience. The average person tries to quit smoking several times before becoming tobacco-free. Develop a plan to deal with the "bumps in the road". Change the plan if it's not useful and try again.

Mark your calendar for the Great American Smoke Out. Think success. Believe being smoke-free is better.

A personal quit plan requires commitment, self-discipline and patience to stay smoke-free.

For more information, see the CHPPM Tobacco Cessation Tool Kit at

www.apgea.army.mil/dhwp/Population/TobaccoCessation.aspx, or see the the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org/.



Photos by RALPH BROTH
Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau looks over the Aberdeen Area's Fanshaw Field during the Change of Command Ceremony Oct. 28.



Wearing the Distinguished Service Medal, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, outgoing APG and RDECOM commander, listens to remarks during the Change of Command Ceremony.



The 22nd Chemical Battalion color guard wearing period uniforms representing past Army campaigns, and vehicles representing RDECOM assets wait on Fanshaw Field for the start of the ceremony.

Nadeau assumes command as Doesburg bids farewell

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With all the color and pageantry befitting the symbolic exchange of leadership, the Aberdeen Proving Ground community bid farewell to its leader of six years, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, and welcomed his successor, Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, during a change of command ceremony on Fanshaw Field Oct. 28.

Nadeau assumes command of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, hosted the ceremony that included Doesburg's official retirement after a 34-year career.

Referring to Doesburg as "a Soldier's Soldier that we can all be proud to have served with," Kern thanked Doesburg for his "great service to the nation."

"You were the right man for a tough job," Kern said. "We all love what this command has done for our Army. You accomplished the seemingly impossible and you will be missed."

Calling APG the "center of gravity for technology and development in our Army," Kern charged Nadeau with continuing the RDECOM mission.

"He brings invaluable service from previous assignments at the Pentagon, and his experience, expertise, and depth of knowledge is outstanding," Kern said. "The Army today is investing significantly in technology, all targeted for our future combat systems. It takes critical thinking and perseverance. I charge you with those for our future."

Kern reminded listeners that Doesburg brought the

Army's chemical and biological defense units through the challenges brought on by Sept. 11, 2001, and operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"They were extraordinary challenges and you met every one of them," Kern said.

He also praised Denise Doesburg for her years of service by her husband's side.

"She touched the lives of Soldiers and family members around the world," Kern said. "Both of you made a huge difference to our Army."

Doesburg was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from R.L. Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement from Gen. Peter J. Shoomaker, Army chief of staff; and the Commander-in-Chief Certificate of Appreciation from President George W. Bush.

Denise Doesburg received the Commander's Award for Public Service from AMC and the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Doesburg said he learned early that "the Army is all about making Soldiers the best that they can be."

"Commanding great Soldiers is something you don't want to have to give up," he said.

He challenged listeners to remember Soldiers every day.

"We're involved in a war that's not going to end soon — the War on Terrorism," Doesburg said. "Just about every day Soldiers give their lives for our way of life. My challenge to you is to not forget them. Each day, take up the challenge to make their lives better, because they make our lives better."

He thanked the service

members and civilians who make up the AMC, APG Garrison and RDECOM staffs, local and state legislators who supported the proving ground, his personal staff and his family.

"From the bottom of my heart, my thanks to you for being part of a great team and for caring," Doesburg said.

He added that "RDECOM is made up of some of the most dedicated Soldiers, scientists and engineers you will ever see," and that Nadeau has the same dedication.

"He is the best individual to come in and more importantly, take RDECOM to the next level," Doesburg said.

Doesburg closed with a long, wistful look to his wife, said "Honey, it's been a great time," then turned and surrendered the podium to his successor.

Nadeau thanked Kern for allowing him "this opportunity to broaden my horizons," and his wife, Ellen, for her support.

"This is a tremendous point in time for me and it will be for the Army," Nadeau said.

Commenting on RDECOM accomplishments under Doesburg, he said that he looks forward to continuing on.

"Now that this command has shown it's potential, we could not have a greater challenge," Nadeau said. "I am absolutely delighted to join this command and this community."

Along with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), under the leadership of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert L. Larsen, a display of RDECOM assets stood on the field facing the reviewing stand.

The vehicles included the M998 variants of the high mobility multi-purpose

wheeled vehicle, equipped with add-on armor kits designed by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory; an armored M93A1 FOX NBC Reconnaissance System, a mobile unit used in nuclear, biological and chemical detection and warning; the Stryker, an eight-wheeled infantry carrier vehicle; and a Mobile Munitions Assessment System from the 22nd Chemical Battalion, used to assess recovered chemical weapons materials. Also the M58 smoke generator system; the Deployable Communications System, a self-contained video-teleconferencing system; the M31E2 Biological Integrated Detection System which automatically detects, collects identifies and samples biological warfare agents; and the M56 Smoke Generator System, a motorized obscurant system that provides multi-spectral obscurant screening for light and airborne maneuver forces.

A color guard of Soldiers from the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) wore period uniforms representing the Army's military campaigns and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools provided the salute battery of howitzers led by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kurt Schultz.

Sgt. Juan Ortiz, ARL, the RDECOM noncommissioned officer of the year, and Spc. Jeremy Lenon, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, the RDECOM Soldier of the year, presented flowers to the commanders' spouses and Father John Bauer, APG parish priest, offered the invocation and benediction.

Brig. Gen. Roger A Nadeau

Nadeau is a native of Rhode Island. He was commissioned in 1974 after graduating from the University of Rhode Island as a distinguished military graduate of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He holds a master's in business administration from the Florida Institute of Technology; a master's in national resource strategy from the National

Defense University, Washington, D.C.

His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced courses; the U.S. Army Ranger School, Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Nadeau's past assignments include deputy commanding general, Systems of

Systems Integration, RDECOM and Program Executive Officer for Ground Combat Systems, where he was responsible for fielding and sustaining Army Ground Combat Systems, including the Abrams tank systems, Bradley Fighting Vehicle systems, and the Stryker Brigade Combat Team vehicles.



With the 22nd Chemical Battalion color guard in the background, Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau delivers a speech accepting command of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.